Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original)   In a telecommunications environment, a computer-implemented method of providing a long distance conference call discount feature, comprising the steps of:

   receiving a periodic billing record for a telephone line;

   determining at least a first long distance call and a second long distance call with overlapping call time periods, wherein the first long distance call comprises a first long distance charge and the second long distance call comprises a second long distance charge;

   determining the lower long distance charge between the first long distance charge and the second long distance charge; and

   discounting the lower long distance charge.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of saving the discounted long distance cost in an updated periodic billing record.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 2 further comprising repeating the receiving, determining, determining, and discounting steps for all overlapping long distance calls in the periodic billing record.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the telecommunications environment is a wireline network.

5. (Original)   The method of claim 1 wherein the telecommunications environment is a wireless network.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of discounting the lower long distance charge comprises providing a predetermined percentage discount.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined percentage discount is based on the number of overlapping telephone calls.

8. (Original) The method of claim 6 wherein the predetermined percentage discount is based on the long distance charge for each overlapping telephone call.

9. (Original) In a telecommunications environment, a computer-implemented method of providing a long distance conference call discount feature, comprising the steps of:

receiving a periodic billing record for a telephone line;

determining at least a first long distance call and a second long distance call with overlapping call time periods, wherein the first long distance call comprises a first long distance charge and the second long distance call comprises a second long distance charge;

determining the lower long distance charge between the first long distance charge and the second long distance charge; and

discounting the first long distance charge and the second long distance charge.

10. (Original) The method of claim 9 further comprising the step of saving the discounted long distance charges in an updated periodic billing record.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10 further comprising repeating the receiving, determining, determining, and discounting steps for all overlapping long distance calls in the periodic billing record.

12. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the telecommunications environment is a wireline network.

13. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the telecommunications environment is a wireless network.

14. (Original) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of discounting comprises providing a predetermined percentage discount.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the predetermined percentage discount is based on the number of overlapping telephone calls.

16. (Original) The method of claim 14 wherein the predetermined percentage discount is based on the long distance charge for each overlapping telephone call.

17. (Original) A computer-readable medium comprising computer-readable instructions which, when executed, are operable to perform the steps of claim 9.

Claims 18-20 (Canceled).